# PALM BEACH COUNTY PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT ZONING DIVISION



## ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE – TYPE I B - STAFF PUBLIC MEETING STAFF REPORT 10/18/2007

AGENDA ITEM	CODE SECTION	REQUIRE	D	PROPOSED	VARIANCE	
AVB-2007- 01310	5.B.1.A.18	7.5 ft		4.6 ft	2.9 ft	
	Permanent Generators	_				
SITUS ADDRESS:	7322 Sedona Way Delray Beach 33446					
AGENT NAME & ADDRESS:	Sideny Schreideu Brite Eletric 3325 Griffin Rd Ft Lauderdale FL 33312					
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS:	Marc Balmuth 7322 Sedona Way Delray Beach FL 33446					
PCN:	00-42-46-28-13-000-0080					
ZONING DISTRICT:	RTS					
BCC DISTRICT:	05					
PROJECT MANAGER:	Aaron Taylor, Site Planner I					
LEGAL AD:	Brite Electric, agent, for Marc and Stacey Balmuth, owners, to allow an existing generator to encroach into the required side interior setback. LOC: 7322 Sedona Way, approximately 0.09 mile West of Addison Reserve Drive on Sedona Way, within the Addison Reserve PUD, in the PUD Zoning District. (Pet. 1980-215).					
LAND USE:	LR-3 S/T/R: 28-46-42					
PETITION #:	1980-00215					
LOT AREA:	0.47					
LOT DIMENSIONS:	Approx. 136.44 ft x 198.53 ft					
CONFORMITY OF LOT:	Conforming					
CONFORMITY OF ELEMENT:	Non-conforming					
TYPE OF ELEMENT:	Generator					
ELEMENT SIZE:	89 L x 33.5 W x 48 H					
BUILDING PERMIT #:	PR# 07-24063 Submitted: Permit Pending					
NOTICE OF VIOLATION:	None					
CONSTRUCTION STATUS:	Existing					
APPLICANT REQUEST:	To allow a generator to end	To allow a generator to encroach into the side interior setback.				

#### **STAFF SUMMARY**



**AERIAL** 

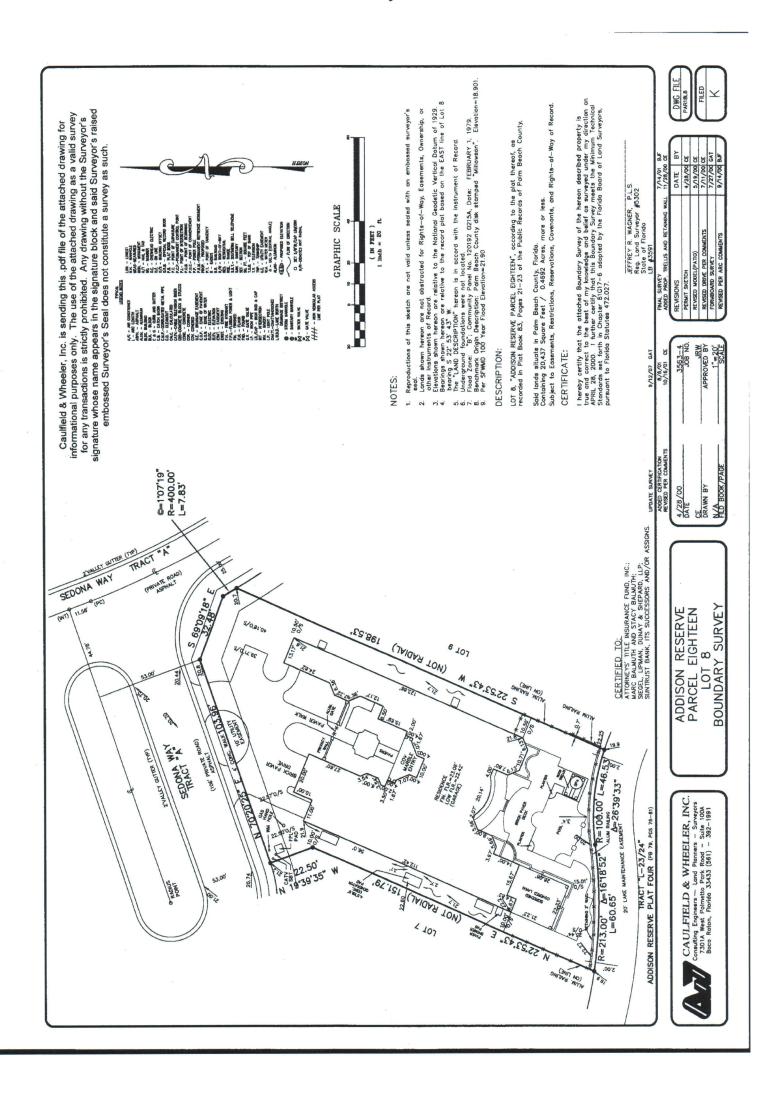


NORTHWEST VIEW & ADJACENT NEIGHBOR TO THE WEST



SOUTH WEST VIEW FROM THE ROAD

The subject property is located at 7322 Sedona Way, approximately .09 miles West of Addison Reserve Dr. on Sedona Way within the Addison Reserve PUD, in the PUD zoning district. applicant is seeking to reduce the required side interior setback of 7.5ft to 4.6ft; which is a variance of 2.9ft. The narrow rectangular shape of the Lot and the size of the principal dwelling leave no other design alternatives that would allow the applicant's generator to meet the required side interior setback. The adjacent neighbor to the west has a larger generator located at the side interior portion of their Lot (See picture). There is plush landscaping and vegetation eliminating the visual impact from the adjacent property to the west and the road (See picture). Thus, the applicant is requesting the minimum variance possible to allow reasonable use of the property. The applicant's request for the generator is consistent with other dwellings in the immediate area that also support generators. Thus, not granting the variance would deprive the applicant of a reasonable use of the Lot and privileges enjoyed by others in the same neighborhood.



#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

**Approved with Conditions,** based upon the following application of the standards enumerated in Article 2, Section 2.D.3 of the Palm Beach County Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), which a petitioner must meet before the Administrative Variance Public Meeting Staff may authorize a variance.

# ANALYSIS OF ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2.D.3.G.2 VARIANCE STANDARDS

1. SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST THAT ARE PECULIAR TO THE PARCEL OF LAND, BUILDING OR STRUCTURE, THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO OTHER PARCELS OF LAND, STRUCTURES OR BUILDINGS IN THE SAME ZONING DISTRICT:

Yes, Special conditions & circumstances do exist. The narrow rectangular configuration of the Lot and the size of the principal dwelling leave no other design alternatives that would allow the generator to meet the required 7.5ft side interior setback.

#### 2. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS DO NOT RESULT FROM THE ACTIONS OF THE APPLICANT:

Yes, The applicant originally hired a contractor for the installation of the generator prior to the ULDC code change. The applicant has numerous issues with various contractors (Michael Scheffler w/ "Pioneer": Went out of business without permits & "Genco": Filed Chapter 11 in June 2007), the generator pad and generator were placed on the property without proper approval.

3. GRANTING THE VARIANCE SHALL NOT CONFER UPON THE APPLICANT ANY SPECIAL PRIVILEGE DENIED BY THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THIS CODE TO OTHER PARCELS OF LAND, BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN THE SAME ZONING DISTRICT:

Yes, Granting the variance shall not confer upon the applicant any special privileges. There are other dwellings in the same neighborhood with similar shaped Lots supporting generators on the side interior portion of the property. All of which had received the proper permit approvals prior to the 2007-001 ordinance, which now requires generators for Single Family dwellings to meet the district setbacks. Thus, the applicant's variance request is consistent with the other dwellings in the surrounding area.

(See Picture of the adjacent neighbor to the West)

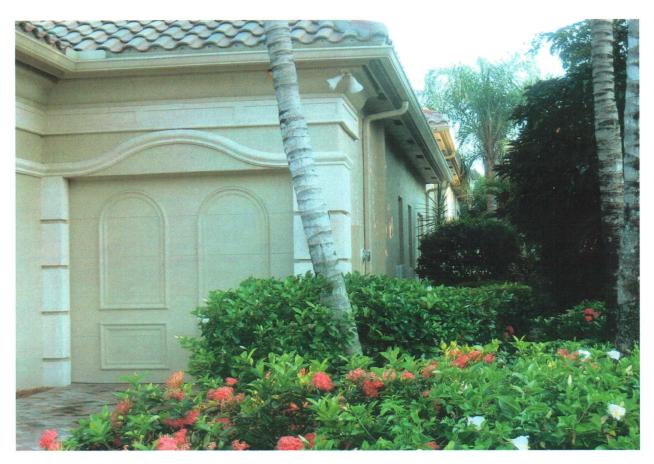


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4. LITERAL INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE WOULD DEPRIVE THE APPLICANT OF RIGHTS COMMONLY ENJOYED BY OTHER PARCELS OF LAND IN THE SAME ZONING DISTRICT, AND WOULD WORK AN UNNECESSARY AND UNDUE HARDSHIP:

Yes, Literal interpretation and enforcement of the terms and provisions of this code would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other parcels of land in the same zoning district. The applicant is requesting the minimum variance to allow the proposed generator to encroach into the side interior setback. The existing landscaping provide natural screening which eliminates the visual impact from the road. Thus, the variance request allows the applicant reasonable use of the property and is consistent with other dwellings in the neighborhood supporting generators a similar location.

(See picture of the South West view from the Road)



SOUTH WEST VIEW FROM THE ROAD

5. GRANT OF VARIANCE IS THE MINIMUM VARIANCE THAT WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THE REASONABLE USE OF THE PARCEL OF LAND, BUILDING OR STRUCTURE:

**Yes**, Grant of variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the parcel of land. The site layout and size of the principal dwelling does not allow for alternative design options. The proposed variance is the only option to allow the applicant to utilize the same privileges shared by others in the neighborhood.

6. GRANT OF THE VARIANCE WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THIS CODE:

Yes, Grant of the variance will be consistent with the purposes, goals, objectives, and policies of this code. The applicant's variance request is not only compatible with other dwelling in the surrounding area; the adjacent neighbor to the west has a larger generator located at the side interior portion of their Lot. The existing landscape provides screening which eliminates the visual impact from the adjacent property and the road.

7. THE GRANT OF THE VARIANCE WILL NOT BE INJURIOUS TO THE AREA INVOLVED OR OTHERWISE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE:

**Yes**, The grant of the variance will not be injurious to the area involved or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare The variance request is consistent with the surrounding area and the existing landscape create a natural screening from the adjacent properties or the road.

## **AGENCY COMMENTS**

None

### **ZONING COMMENTS**

The owner shall provide the Building Division with a copy of the Administrative Variance Staff Result Letter (AVB-2007-1310) and a copy of the site plan and/ or survey presented to staff, simultaneously with the building permit application.

#### **DEVELOPMENT ORDER**

The development order for this particular variance shall lapse on 10/20/2008, one year from the approval date. (DATE: MONITORING: ZONING)

# ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE - TYPE I B - STAFF PUBLIC MEETING CONDITIONS

1. The applicant shall have received the final building inspection and received the Certificate of Completion on or before **December 20, 2007**(MONITORING-BUILDING)